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**UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form)  
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2. ☒ Specification Total Pages **[17]**

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a. ☒ Newly executed (original)

b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).

i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. ☐ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is  
supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy

b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

c. ☐ Statement Verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s)) to: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.,  
Kadoma-shi, Japan.

**Please publish the assignee data with the application.**

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
14. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed.
15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed  
a. Priority of Japanese application no. 2002-358033 filed on December 10, 2002 is claimed under 35 USC 119.
16. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:  
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Multiple Dependent Claims			\$290.00	\$ 290.00
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